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REMARKS

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1. At 6:50 p.m. on 26 August, a troop train was observed at the Falkenberg (N 52/E 44) on the Elster River railroad station coming from the direction of Cottbus (N 52/E 27) and, after a stop of about three minutes, proceeding toward Torgau (N 52/E 64). The train consisted of several boxcars occupied by troops, and flatcars carrying 50 tractor-like four-wheel vehicles with pneumatic tires and with seats for the gun crews on the rear section. Each prime mover was coupled to an artillery piece, apparently model 1943 152-mm field howitzers. Prime movers and weapons appeared to be new.
2. A train halting in Falkenberg at 6 a.m. on 29 August carried 13 T-34/85 50X1-HUM tanks and numerous trucks, [REDACTED]. The accompanying soldiers wore tank troops' coveralls with leather caps, walked around the station 50X1-HUM area and seemed to be in Germany for the first time. The weapons on the train appeared to be new. The train was still standing at the station at noon. *

* Comment. [REDACTED] the two trains carried an engineer unit of the Central Group of Forces [REDACTED]. However, the vehicle [REDACTED] may have been confused [REDACTED] possibly belonging to the Northern Group of Forces, because the train was loaded with trucks. [REDACTED] a train with tanks arriving at Falkenberg from Poland on 12 August. The origin and destination of the troops cannot be determined. The Soviet units which [REDACTED] arrived in the area west of Goerlitz from Polish-occupied Germany in early July 1951 were no longer seen there in early August 1951. [REDACTED]

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